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In re Patent Application of:

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**TITLE: IMPROVED SAW BLADE GUIDE
AND COMPONENTS THEREFOR**



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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated July 9, 2002, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections are respectfully requested. In light of the following amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of all claims pending in the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 18 and 19.

Please amend claims 14, 17 and 20 as follows:

14. (Amended) A metallic insert for a saw blade guide for stabilizing a saw blade, said insert comprising a bi-metallic block wherein the metallic material of said bi-metallic block proximal to a first blade engaging surface thereof is harder than the metallic material proximal to a second guide engaging surface.